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Hawai'i's Public Access Room

January 2001

Legislative Timetable

January

17th Opening Day.

22nd State-of-the-State Address.

23rd State-of-the-Judiciary Address

24th One day recess.

26th Last day for introduction of bills.

February

16th First Lateral.

22nd -28th Mandatory 5 day recess.

March

2nd Filing deadline for First Decking.

5th One day recess

6th Filing deadline for budget bills.

7th One day recess.

8th First Crossover.

14th Last day to intro substantive resolutions.

23rd Second Lateral.

30th One day recess.

April

6th Filing deadline for Second Decking.

9th One day recess.

11th One day recess.

12th Second Crossover.

First crossover for concurrent resolutions.

16th Deadline for naming conferees.

17th One day recess.

19th Deadline for final form of constitutional amendments.

23rd Second Crossover for concurrent resolutions.

26th Last day to file non-fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading.

30th One day recess.

May

2nd One day recess.

3rd Adjournment Sine Die.

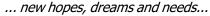
What's New?

Well, a new millenium ... a new century ... a new legislature...

The Twenty-first legislature's first session brings four new Senators and eleven new Representatives

...a new coordinator in the PAR...

Following in Kimo Brown's footsteps would be a daunting task, had he not shared so much knowledge before he moved on. The mark he left on the PAR after his many years as Coordinator is significant and exceptional. I'll do my best; our future successes will reflect his years of guidance and skill.



In a dynamic society, some issues will never change, but new ones will always emerge to reflect our current needs.

... new voices, faces, and advocates....

Meet our staff members on the next page. They look forward to assisting our PAR veterans and newcomers. Please join us on Opening Day, January 17, to begin the PAR's eleventh year.

--Suzanne Marinelli, PAR Coordinator

Workshop Schedule

The Legislative Process and Citizen Participation

Learn more about how the legislature works, the committee structure, terminology, calendaring, and how you can interact to effect outcomes. For both those new to the Legislature and those wanting a refresher on the process. $1\,1/2$ hours.

Jan. 18 or 23, noon; 24 or 31, 5:30 pm; Feb. 2, 6, or 15, noon; or 14, 5 pm.

Presenting Effective Testimony

Learn how to present testimony, written and oral, that best communicates your position to the legislators. 1 1/2 hours.

Jan. 30, 12:00 or Feb. 7, 5:30 pm

Reading Legislative Documents

Be able to use and understand many of the forms, documents, and records the Legislature uses in its work. 1 1/2 hours Jan. 25 or Feb. 13, noon

Helpful Internet Sites

Bills, resolutions, hearing notices, biographies, Capitol facilities and maps, Hawai'i Revised Statues, and MORE are available over the Internet. Come learn your way around several important websites. 1 1/2 hours. Jan. 19, noon or Jan. 25, 4pm





Miho Morikawa

Her affection for the legislative process and the "magical" people that work here at the Capitol keep her gravitating back. She has previously worked for both the Senate and the House. She is committed to assisting youth achieve their highest potential and serves on the Board of Winners Camp. Her other passions include trekking off to foreign and not so foreign territories, experiencing the wonders of life—most recently to Angkor Wat.



Robert E. Jones

Born June 26, 1937 in Berkeley, California. Raised in So. Cal. and, except for a 3 year stint in the US Army, lived in the Pasadena-LA-Laguna Beach triangle for 50 years. Upon retirement from a 30-year career with Lockheed Martin Corp., Bob and his wife Judy fulfilled a long held dream and migrated to Hawai'i where we are living happily ever after. The year 2001 marks Bob's 6th consecutive session with the PAR.

Meet the PAR Staff



Craig Rasmussen

A Kahuku High School graduate, Craig recently graduated from New College of California School of Law. Prior to returning to school, he had managed several small businesses and has an abiding interest in the workings of politics. He is an avid movie-goer and a new uncle!



Honu Huihui

A native Hawaiian, Honu was given her amakua by her grandmother. Our "Turtle" has been a volunteer in this room for several years. She says of herself: "I rose up out of the sea and came to work at the PAR."

Honu was featured as an outstanding volunteer last year on the I Ka Pono segment on channel 8 news.



Margaret Goodheart Torigoe

Having raised her 3 children to the stage in life when she became the "privileged observer", Margaret heeded the call to adventure, not only travelling extensively and living abroad, but also was among the first women in computer sales in California. An avid reader, her interests range from poetry to physics. She sits on the board of the Hawai`i Virtual Library. Discovering life begins at 50, she has since become a professional actress, model, public speaker, and author; has moved with her son to this most delicious island; loved and married a "local boy"; life is good!

Did you know?

The Public Access Room started in a closet in the Capitol basement in 1990. Eleven years later, it has permanent paid staff, handles email, phone, and in-person requests, and copied over 100,000 pages of testimony for the public!

Budget Info

Looking for information on the budget? Two excellent documents are available for public use from the Legislative Reference Bureau Library in Room 005:

The <u>Little Red Budget Book</u>, prepared by the House Minority Staff Office

An Overview of the State Budget, prepared by the House Majority Staff Office.